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SUBJECT: MTN: CONSULTATION WITH PHILIPPINE DELEGATION

REF: GENEVA 1527

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PHILIPPINE QUESTIONS RAISED IN
RECENT CONSULTATION WITH USDEL (REFTEL) FOR WHICH
PHILIPPINE MTN DEL REQUESTS WRITTEN ANSWERS FROM USG:
QUOTE:

(1) (A) AFTER RECEIVING THE ADVICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
TRADE COMMISSION, CAN THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATION
ON MFN REDUCTION OF DUTIES ON ARTICLES CONSIDERED
"IMPORT-SENSITIVE" BY THE COMMISSION?

(B) CAN CONCESSIONS ON ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DUTY WHICH
IS NOT MORE THAN 5 PER CENT AD VALOREM (OR AD VOLEM
EQUIVALENT) BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT STAGING REQUIREMENTS?

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(C) CAN AND WILL CONCESSIONS ON TROPICAL ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DUTY WHICH IS NOT MORE THAN 5 PER CENT AD VALOREM (OR AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT) BE IMPLEMENTED AHEAD OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE MTN? IF SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION?

(D) CAN SUCH CONCESSIONS BE IMPLEMENTED IN ADVANCE ON AN MFN BASIS FOR A GIVEN DEVELOPING COUNTRY?

(2) WHICH ARTICLES IN THE PHILIPPINES REQUEST LIST FOR MFN ZERO DUTY REDUCTION CAN BE ACCORDED SEPARATE TARIFF POSITIONS?

(3) TITILE V, SECTION 503(A) PROVIDES, AMONG OTHERS, THAT "AFTER RECEIVING THE ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE LISTED ARTICLES, THE PRESIDENT SHALL DESIGNATE THOSE ARTICLES HE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO BE ELIGIBLE ARTICLES FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER." AFTER RECEIVING SUCH ADVICE, CAN THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATION OF ELIGIBLE ARTICLES EXCLUDING THOSE FALLING UNDER SEC.503(A)(1)?

4. WHICH PHILIPPINE TEXTILE AND APPAREL ARTICLES COVERED IN THE PHILIPPINES-UNITED STATES AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY WHOSE QUOTAS ARE NOT AVAILED OF, COULD BE CONSIDERED AS ELIGIBLE ARTICLES?

(6) COULD ITEM 807 OF THE U.S. TARIFF SCHEDULE BE INTERPRETED OR MODIFIED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT APPLICABLE TO A WIDER RANGE OF ARTICLES RE-EXPORTED BY THE PHILIPPINES?

(7) (A) WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS PROPOSED BY THE EEC?

(B) WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON SUGAR?

(8) (A) WHAT SHOULD BE THE BASIS OF THE VALUATION OF THE \$25 MILLION - 50 PERCENT CEILINGS? TSUS OF SITC?
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(B) IN CONVERTING SPECIFIC DUTY UNDER THE TSUS TO ITS AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT, WHAT BASE PRICE WILL BE USED?
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2. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP TEXT OF WRITTEN USG RESPONSES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS FOR TRANSMISSION BY MTN DEL TO PHILIPPINE DEL. WOLFF

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